

STATEMENT OF HOMER HUGHES

Today's date is June 19, 1997. The time is 10:34 A. M. The following is a voluntary statement from Homer Hughes, D/O/B: 4/14/63, SS# [REDACTED] The location is the Parole Office with the Mississippi Department of Corrections in Greenwood. This statement is given to myself, John Johnson, Investigator with the District Attorney's Office and also present is Mr. Arthur Smith, Probation/Parole Officer here in Greenwood.

Johnson: Mr. Hughes, you recently spent nearly a year in the Leflore County Jail, Is that correct?

HUGHES: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: Will you speak loud for the tape. While in jail, you met a number of people. You were in the cell with Carlton Bennett, Michael Cannon, yourself, Curtis Flowers?

HUGHES: Yes, Sir, that is right.

Johnson: In an interview prior to this taping, you mentioned that Curtis Flowers had you to sign some kind of piece of paper.

HUGHES: That is correct.

Johnson: You indicated that you weee not sure what was on that paper.

HUGHES: That is correct.

Johnson: You also indicated that Curtis suggested on that piece of paper that Frederick Veale had made a statement to the police in order to get out of jail?

HUGHES: Yes, Sir. That is right.

Johnson: You indicated in this interview that you do not have any personal knowledge that he did that? Is that correct?

HUGHES: No, Sir. I never heard either one of them say anything about it.

Johnson: You don't know that Frederick Veale said that he was going to do that to get out of jail either, do you?

HUGHES: No, Sir. He did not tell me that.

Johnson: Right. Earlier you also indicated that you sleep normally, while in jail, from about

one A. M. til what time?

HUGHES: About round breakfast time.

Johnson: So on any particular night you could not say that Frederick Veale had made any statement to anybody or anybody to anybody during those times. Is that correct?

HUGHES: That is correct. There was another fellow in there from Louisiana. They were holding for Louisiana, Donald Coleman.

Johnson: A Mr. Coleman?

HUGHES: Right.

Johnson: I have a list of those.

HUGHES: They seem to have knowed each other real good.

Johnson: There is a number, I think about eight people in jail there at one time. Is that correct? I'll go on to ask you did Curtis Flowers make any confession to anybody about the Tardy murders in Winona, to your knowledge? Yes or No?

HUGHES: No, Sir.

Johnson: You did not hear any conversation from anybody to him or from him to anybody else about those murders?

HUGHES: No, Sir.

Johnson: That will conclude the statement. The time is now 10:38 A. M.